

Judges



**Bob
Haskell**

Bob Haskell is a retired Maine Army National Guard master sergeant who served for nearly 13 years at the National Guard Bureau Public Affairs. He was deputy chief of Command Information when he retired in September 2008. He served as assistant city editor and sports editor at the Bangor Daily News in Maine. He has authored the historical novel "Yankee Warrior." His awards include Maine Sportswriter of the Year, Keith L. Ware, Thomas Jefferson, and Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He's currently a free-lance journalist and columnist for the Falmouth Enterprise on Cape Cod. He now freelances for several magazines, including National Guard Magazine.



**Staff Sgt.
Jon Soucy**

Staff Sgt. Jon Soucy is currently serving as a photojournalist assigned to NGB. Prior to that, he taught the Intermediate Photojournalism Course at the Defense Information School. He has deployed to and photographed operations in Iraq and Kosovo as well as covered the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. In addition to holding a bachelor's degree in photography from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, he has won several awards in the annual Military Photographer of the Year Competition, the Army's Keith L. Ware Awards as well as numerous civilian awards for photojournalism and documentary photography while working as a staff photographer at various newspapers.



**Mary Fran
Buckley**

Mary Fran Buckley has been a magazine editor for 20 years from Washington, D.C., who now resides on Cape Cod. She was most recently editor of "The Officer" for the Reserve Officers Association. She is now involved in Web-based publications and children's literature. She has studied photography at The Corcoran School of Art in Washington, specializing in black and white imagery. She earned her bachelor's degree in history from Emmanuel College in Boston.



**Tech. Sgt.
Cheryl
Hackley**

Tech. Sgt. Cheryl Hackley last served as the Public Affairs specialist for the National Guard Counterdrug Program. She is a previous media contest winner in the categories of sports, features, photojournalism and commentary. In her six years of public affairs experience, she has served at the wing, state and national levels. She is credited with establishing Counterdrug's Public Affairs Program, which includes a quarterly magazine, The Catalyst.



**John
Malthaner**

John Malthaner is the senior specialist for NGB Public Affairs Plans and Policy Division. He was the editor of four different Thomas Jefferson award-winning publications in his 23-year U.S. Army and Air National Guard career; winning six total DoD-level TJs. He's also won dozens of service- and Guard-level writing (news, features and sport) and photojournalism awards.



**Bernard
Little**

Bernard Little is presently the command information officer and editor of the weekly *Stripe* newspaper in the Public Affairs Office at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, a position he has occupied since 1994. He's worked at Walter Reed since April 1, 1991. Prior to that he served four years in the Air Force as a public affairs specialist. He's won numerous awards in the U.S. Army Medical Command Journalism Competition, awards in the Department of the Army Keith L. Ware Journalism Competition, and earned the Master Craftsman Award for sustained superior performance in Army journalism awarded by the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, Department of the Army in 2003.

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Other judges include Melissa Koskovich, deputy director, media relations at the SAIC Corporate Communications Department; Mark Haviland, public affairs chief for the Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District; Dave Super; and Sharon Walker.



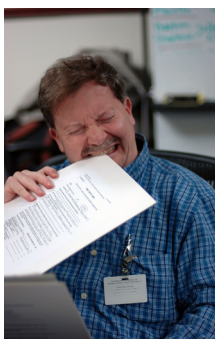
Ron Jensen

Ron Jensen is senior writer/editor of National Guard magazine, the publication of the National Guard Association of the United States. He spent more than 30 years in the daily newspaper business, including 17 years with the European edition of Stars and Stripes. While there, he saw the Berlin Wall fall and covered major military operations from Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom, with stops in Somalia, Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan.



Becki Dobyns

Becki Dobyns is currently a senior analyst with the IRS, working internal communications for the IRS commissioner and more than 100,000 agency employees. She has worked as a public affairs specialist for 20 years, most of it with the Army. A DINFOS honors graduate, she has won first place and several honorable mentions in the Army's Keith L. Ware journalism competition.



Bernard Tate

Bernard Tate has been working in Army public affairs and journalism since 1975, nine of those years as a Soldier, and since 1985 as a civilian. He's the editor of the "Engineer Update" for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and won Army Civilian Journalist of the Year in 1988.



Maj. Thomas Crosson Jr.

Maj. Thomas C. Crosson Jr. is currently the executive officer for National Guard Bureau Public Affairs. He served 12 years as an active duty public affairs officer. His assignments include chief of current operations for Headquarters, Air Combat Command Public Affairs, Langley Air Force Base, Va., chief of public affairs for the 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, and as a public affairs plans and operations officer for U.S. Southern Command. Crosson deployed as a strategic communications officer with Headquarters, Multi-National Force – Iraq in Baghdad in 2004 and as the chief of public affairs for the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia in 2006.



Maj. Thomas Mehl

Army Capt. Thomas W. Mehl is a historian assigned to National Guard Bureau public affairs office since June 2007. This 46Q (print journalist) served on active duty from 1986 to 1990. He graduated with a B.A. in broadcast and cinematic arts from Central Michigan, home of the Chippewas. He holds a M.A. in historical administration. He won two Thomas Jefferson first place awards and three Keith L. Ware first place awards in feature writing and feature magazine. He finished runner-up in the Paul D. Sava-nuck Print Journalist of the Year competition in 1989.



Bill Boehm

Bill Boehm has worked as a historian for the NGB Historical Services Division since May 1, 2006. Prior to his move to the Bureau, he worked as an archivist and curator at the Archives & Special Collections Department in the New Mexico State University Library in Las Cruces, N.M., for six years. He has written feature stories for the On Guard newspaper/magazine, participated in the NGB Public Affairs Rapid Response Team for three consecutive years, and worked on a wide range of projects working as a historian and archivist while at the National Guard Bureau.